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## The British Columbian.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1869.

## THE SITUATION.

There can be no doubt that the political condition of the colony is assuming a somewhat less sombre complexion. That the Government is drifting gradually in the direction of liberalism would appear to be evident. Yet the country will expect something more substantial than fair promises. It is now several years since the Governor expressed his willingness to popularize the Executive Council. More than a year has elapsed since he promised to import into that body two popular members from the Legislative Council. That promise was repeated at the opening of the present Session. It has still to be fulfilled. True, we are told he has only very recently obtained Imperial sanction to the change, and as the present is a new Council it is only fair to allow reasonable time to look round and make a selection; yet it would be unfortunate if His Excellency should not avail himself of the advice of two representative members before the present Session closes. There is also an apparent disposition to popularize the Legislative Council. This is the surest way to obtain a really strong Government, by securing the confidence and enlisting the sympathies of the people. The feeling produced by a perusal of the Estimates for the present year will be one of satisfaction, not so much, however, on account of any reduction in the expenses of conducting the Government (for there is none), as on account of a perceptible improvement in the financial condition of the Colony. A gradual recovery from the terrible depression of past times crops out and the conviction that the darkest days of the Colony are past inevitably gains a lodgement in the mind. With a judicious and gradual relaxation of the imposts which bear, perhaps, too heavily upon commerce and with a slight effort put forth to brush away the fog which obscures the path of the immigrant we may, not without reason, hope for a speedy return to comparative prosperity. Only let the governing classes meet the governed in a kindly spirit of appreciative liberality, and we shall soon hear less about popular discontent. There need be no fear on this point. Public sentiment is neither treacherous nor unreasonable when met in a spirit of confiding candor.

**THE RESULT.**—A London contemporary thus concludes an article on the "Results of the Elections":—"The sum of the whole matter is this:—The Liberal party is declared to have a majority of 117, and to be led by Mr. Gladstone as the people's Premier. The Irish Church Establishment, on which the popular vote was taken, is irretrievably condemned, and in the hands of those who have brought about its downfall lies the solution of questions which go much further than this initiatory one. We have no doubt they will be answered in a like spirit—a spirit which looks not to expediency, not to the propriety of doing a certain small evil, that some indefinite, uncertain, potential good may come of it, but a spirit which requires that everything shall be taken on its merits, shall have fair field and no favour, and is even prepared to say 'Ruit exul' so long as it may add 'Fiat Justitia'."

## A GLOOMY PICTURE.

A vigorous London contemporary, in an article showing that relaxation of penalties is productive of crime, draws the following gloomy picture of London Society:—"Forgeries have multiplied in the very ratio of the relaxation of their penalties. Garrotting threatens to become a domestic institution. Burglary and highway robbery prevail in daylight, on our thoroughfares—within hail of our very police stations. A contemporary avers that four assaults with robbery of the person occur in our metropolitan streets every day—that is to say, four offences which, within a little more than a quarter of a century, would have brought the offenders to the gallows. We all recollect the execution of Fauntleroy—the last of the executed forgers. We have relaxed the law, but forgery has greatly outstripped our humanity and again threatens the security of all mercantile transactions. The gigantic frauds which would have been a hanging matter in the good old days when George the Third was King, are entirely of modern growth—the spawn of unasserted authority. It is almost an entirely new feature of our social history that crime should ascend into high places, and that we should count misdemeanants and even felons among our upper classes. It is plain enough we have tried humanity and it is a failure. Crime has grown with every mitigation of our code. The dangerous classes have waxed more fearless and reckless as severity has relaxed and grim-visaged law has smoothed his wrinkled front, until the transit of a marching regiment has left London for the time in possession of the mob, and ruffianry has been made so daring by impunity that it is perilous to venture into our streets in broad and open day. We repeat it. The criterion of civilisation is the strength and inexorability of the law. Whenever that becomes feeble or futile by theoretical humanity-mongering, crime is certain to increase, and the securities of citizenship to fail." \* \* \*

"What does all this imply but feebleness of authority and weakness in the law—the first signs of the retrogression of a nation. We were never the advocates of severity, but wholly scout the license and ticket-of-leave system. It is of no use to expect that constabulary bishops, overseers of ingrained miscreants at large, will ever protect society as the exigency requires. We maintain that a third conviction—always promising that the evidence is conclusive—ought to bring penal servitude for life, and that the condemned should never more be let loose upon the public. Why wouldst thou be a breeder of sinners. . . . We are arrant knaves all; believe none of us. Secondredemption should not be suffered to propagate its spawn. We do not call for severity. We plead for mercy to honest folks and protection from knaves. A moral patient of the criminal sort is as incurable and unsafe as a congenital idiot or lunatic. He must be saved from himself. Cut the cancer out of society, and preserve it in a glass case hermetically sealed."

## New Advertisements.

**K EATING'S COUGH LOZENGES: COUGHS.**  
**K EATING'S COUGH LOZENGES: ASTHMA.**  
**K EATING'S COUGH LOZENGES: INCIPENT CONSUMPTION.**  
**K EATING'S COUGH LOZENGES: BRONCHIAL AFFECTIONS.**  
**K EATING'S COUGH LOZENGES: WHICH ARE DAILY RECOMMENDED BY THE FACULTY.**  
Testimonials from the most eminent of whom may be seen.  
Sold in Boxes and Tins, of various sizes. By T. K EATING, Chemist, 29, St. Paul's Churchyard, London.  
Sold retail by all Druggists, &c.

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THAT property known as Woodcock's Wharf and Mills, consisting of Two Buildings fronting on Richard street, a wharf 66x200ft., upon which are built warehouses, freight sheds and a "piggery" capable of containing 200 hogs.  
This property enjoys a free water-privilege with sufficient depth for shipping to lie alongside the wharf.  
The whole or any portion will be sold or leased upon the most reasonable terms.  
Apply to  
W. CLARKSON.  
New Westminster, May 11th, 1867. te

## New Advertisements.

## Dissolution of Copartnership.

THE COPARTNERSHIP heretofore existing between the undersigned, in the firm name of Higgins & Long, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

The publication of the Daily and Weekly British Columbian, and the prosecution of a General Printing Business, will be continued by the Senior Partner of the late firm, who will receive all monies due and discharge all outstanding liabilities.

DAVID W. HIGGINS.  
THOS. H. LONG.

Victoria, V. I., Jan. 9th, 1869. ja13 1m

## COAL!

## A FRESH ARRIVAL BY THE

## "FLY,"

FROM

## NANAIMO,

IN ANY QUANTITY TO SUIT CONSUMERS.

Apply at the store of  
H. HOLBROOK,  
Columbia Street.

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## NOTICE.

CAPT. EDWARD STAMP has this day retired from the management of the British Columbia and Vancouver Island Free Lumber and Saw Mill Co. (Limited). Capt. James A. Raynour will take the management of the Company, and Dickson, Campbell & Co., by J. C. Nicholson, will be the financial agents here.

EDWARD STAMP.  
J. C. NICHOLSON.  
Victoria, B. C., 2nd January, 1869. ja16 1m

## GOOD NEWS

TO THE INHABITANTS OF

New Westminster,

BURRARD INLET.

AND THE

LOWER FRASER.

## JOHN A. WEBSTER

DESIRE to inform the Inhabitants of the New Westminster District that he has commenced business in the Store formerly occupied by him, opposite the Colonial Hotel, and has just opened a fine assortment of

**Dry Goods,** **Groceries,**  
**Clothing,** **Feed,**  
**Boots & Shoes,** **Crockery,**  
**Hats, Caps, &c.,** **Hardware.**

The above Goods have been carefully selected for this market, and will be sold at the LOWEST POSSIBLE Prices. ja16 te

## PHOTOGRAPHIC GALLERY.

## DAVID WITHROW

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## LIKENESSES,

AND

## Scenic Pictures

can be had, in Any Style, and with all the Latest Improvements of the Art.

## FURNITURE WARE-ROOMS.

## DAVID WITHROW

CONTINUES to carry on the Furniture and Upholstering business in all its branches.

On hand a good assortment of **DOORS,** **WINDOW-SASH,** and **WINDOW-GLASS,** of all sizes, **WALL PAPER,** **PICTURES,** **CHINESE FANCY-WORK,** **WILLOW-WARE, &c.**  
Columbia St., New Westminster.  
November 20th, 1868. te

## New Advertisements.

1868.

**CLOTHING EMPORIUM,**  
**CLUTE & CLARKSON,**  
IMPORTERS & GENERAL DEALERS.  
NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

THEIR STOCK OF,

## FALL AND WINTER DRESS GOODS

HAVE ARRIVED

and consist in part of

Gala Plaids, Union Plaids, Plain and Fancy Lustres, Russell Cords, Repps, Grassettes, Merinos, Alpaccas, Coburgs, Vettornos, Tibets, Delaines, Taffetas, Cachmeres, &c., &c.

100 Pieces of Linseys or Winceys just to suit this market, from 2 bits to \$1 a yard.

Trimings of every Hue and Description,

Buttons in endless variety.

Gloves and Hosiery by the gross. Hats, Feathers, Ribbons and Flowers, a wholesale Stock,

Ladies' Undredclothing of every description.

Prints, Grey Cottons, Drillings, Sheetings, Shirtings, Towellings, Skirtings, Linings, Tickings, &c.

In fact everything in the Staple and Fancy Goods Line, and at such low prices—to examine is to buy.

Men's Clothing of every description. Boys' Hats, Caps, Collars, Ties, &c., &c.

24 Dozen Baltic Shirts bought for less than "English Cost"; and will be sold proportionably Cheap.

## GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Best Brands of Flour, U. S. Congon, Hyson, Japan, and K. U. S. TEAS.

Best Brands of Tobacco, Sugar of all kinds, very low. Carolina Rice, Golden Syrup, Raisins, Figs, Currants, Spices, &c., &c.

OREGON LARD.  
Fresh Butter from "CHADSEY'S" she-masses, constantly on hand.

## BOOTS AND SHOES.

An endless variety of Men's, Women's, Children's, Boys' and Misses', constantly on hand.

21, 3, 31, and 4 point BLANKETS, in White, Blue, Grey, Green and Scarlet.

## BOOKS, STATIONERY,

NEWSPAPERS,

PERIODICALS.

&c., &c., &c.

## TOYS AND FANCY GOODS.

BLANK BOOKS, &c., &c.

A large Stock of English and American

## Hardware.

TINWARE of every description manufactured on the premises, by a first class workman. All work guaranteed.

Just received a superior lot of Parlor, Box and Cooking Stoves of all sizes and kinds.

Stove Pipe made and sold at 50cents per length of 2 feet (of the best sheet iron.) GRINDSTONES 5cts.

All Goods marked in plain figures, and no deviation from the price marked will be made; consequently we hope to avoid accidents.

J. S. CLUTE. G. C. CLARKSON.  
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## New Advertisements.

## SCOTCH HOUSE, CLINTON HOTEL,

VICTORIA.

## A. McLEAN &amp; Co.,

ARE just opening a very choice assortment of Winter Clothing, received by last Express, direct from England, consisting of:—

Beaver Suits,

TWEED SUITS,

Hosiery,

UNDERCLOTHING,

Hats, Caps,

BALTIC & WHITE SHIRTS,

Water-proof coats,

BOOTS, SHOES, &c.

A Splendid Stock of

## WINTER GLOVES.

Men's Suits, \$10 to 30.

BOYS' CLOTHING AND UNDERCLOTHING.

We receive additions to our Stock by every Steamer, and the above will be sold cheap for cash, to make room for other shipments on the way. oc10ic

## DISSOLUTION OF CO-PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Partnership heretofore subsisting under the name and style of ALWAY & BAILEY, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All bills, receivable or payable, must be handed into Mr. B. BAILEY for settlement. Witnesses, W. H. WARD, J. ALWAY, BAILEY, Yule, October 25th 1868. oc11 1m

## EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE, PARIS, 1867.

THE VERY HIGHEST PRIZE

THE IMPERIAL CROSS OF THE LEGION OF HONOR

Was conferred at the Paris Exposition

On the Representative of the

GROVER & BAKER

SEWING MACHINE,

Being the Highest Award made to any Sewing Machine Exhibitor.

THE NEW STYLES

SHUTTLE STITCH

MANUFACTURING MACHINE,

MANUFACTURED BY

GROVER & BAKER,

Are rapidly superseding all others.

THE ELASTIC STITCH

FAMILY MACHINES,

MANUFACTURED BY

GROVER & BAKER,

Are acknowledged to be the

BEST

IN USE.

Sent for a Circular.

R. G. BROWN, Agent.

119 Montgomery Street.

San Francisco, Cal.

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## New Advertisements.

CLINTON CITY,

## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

THE Subscribers, for many years Proprietors of the Twenty-nine Mile House, Douglas Portage, beg to announce that having purchased the

## CLINTON HOTEL

property, they are prepared to afford excellent accommodation to the travelling public. The table will at all times be well supplied, and in the Bar will be found the choicest liquors.

Ample stabling for animals and the best of feed constantly on hand. They respectfully invite a call from their old customers, as well as the travelling public generally.

J. SMITH & Co.  
Clinton, B. C., 22d Aug. 1867. te

## SADDLERY

AND

## HARNESS MAKING.

B. DOUGLAS begs to inform the Farmers and Teamsters of the Upper Country, that he is prepared to supply orders for any article in the Saddlery line. Harness of all kinds, of his own manufacture, always on hand. A good supply of Whips, Blacksnake lashes, Aprons and other Leathers. B. DOUGLAS, ap15ic  
Front Street, Yale, B. C.

## GRELLEY &amp; FITERRE, WHOLESALE IMPORTERS

OR, AND

GENERAL DEALERS

IN

WINE, SPIRITS, CORDONS,

AGENTS FOR

Napoleon's Cabinet

AND

BOUCHE

CHAMPAGNE.

Wharf Street, Victoria, B. C., Dec. 4, 1867. te

## GREAT REDUCTION

## COLONIAL HOTEL,

Soda Creek.

WLESE & SEXAY, PROPRIETORS.

BEG to Return Thanks to their patrons for the past and in order to suit the times they have reduced the scale of prices, viz:—  
MEALS.....\$1 00  
BEDS.....75  
BOARD AND LODGING, per day.....3 50  
do do per week.....15 00  
Having recently made large additions to the premises so as to give

First-class Accommodation in the Eating and Sleeping Departments.

They hope to merit an extended support in the future.

Private Room for Families.

AT THE BAR

Will always be found the Choicest Brands of WINE, LIQUORS AND CIGARS.

## INFORMATION WANTED.

INFORMATION is wanted of Robert Gilson, who in 1852, was in the Township of Stanley, in the County of Huron, Province of Ontario, Canada, in the year 1852; and is supposed to have died in Cariboo, British Columbia, or in California, some four or five years ago. Any person sending particulars as to his being alive, or as to the death of the said Robert Gilson, to the undersigned, his father, will be suitably rewarded.  
Address  
ROBERT GILSON,  
Township of Stanley, Brucefield P. O. Ont.  
California and British Columbia papers will oblige by copying the above.  
November 10, 1868.

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## THE FENCE BILL.

This bill has at length emerged from the Committee in a form which will, we think, in a great measure meet the present wants of the Colony. Its provisions are few and simple, being confined to defining a lawful fence, reversing the law of trespass, and providing for recovering damages in the event of cattle entering upon ground enclosed by a lawful fence. Such fence must be four feet nine inches high and constructed in a substantial manner. We are fully aware that it is a very "ticklish" thing to define what shall constitute a lawful fence, as an arbitrary rule for the whole colony; but we think the definition agreed upon will be found sufficiently elastic to meet the case of every locality. The bill will not be applied to any District unless at the request of two-thirds of the settlers in such District. The bill in its present form does not cover all the ground at first intended; but in a matter of this kind, under legislation is probably safer and better than over legislation.

## EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

VICTORIA, January 28th, 1869.

The Caledonian Benevolent Society had a grand dinner on Monday evening, in the St. Nicholas Hall. Although the tickets were put at \$3.50 nearly 100 gentlemen sat down to dinner. The usual toasts were given. Mr. Gillon, of the Bank, who is a very popular speaker, in proposing the toast of the Press administered a well deserved castigation to the publishers of the *Columbian*, and was enthusiastically applauded. It would appear to have a salutary effect, as the tone of that paper has become greatly moderated since, and its abuse of Mainland members of the Legislature has ceased. Mayor Trimble was called upon to respond to the toast of the Legislative Council, and in doing so is said not to have paid a very high compliment to that body.

The Rev. Mr. Somerville was married on Tuesday evening and was to have left for Olympia by the str. Eliza Anderson, at noon the next day. Unfortunately, the bride partly missed the steamer, and started across the Sound in an open boat. The wedding was a very gay affair, the Rev. Mr. Aitken officiating in "gown and bands."

Business in the Legislative progresses but slowly. The Select Committee on the Drawback Bill will in all probability report on Monday or Tuesday and then will follow the real "tug of war." The weight of evidence is understood to be in favour of the Bill. The Mining Bill evokes much discussion, and has provoked a good deal of what may be termed factious opposition, but less acrimony enters into debates now than during former Sessions. The House is seldom out of humour.

His Excellency the Governor and Mrs. Seymour entertained a party at dinner on Monday evening, including several Members of the Legislative Council. Government House has been greatly improved, and its occupants appear to be in good health and spirits, and to feel more at home than formerly. Respecting the Hawaiian appointment nothing more is known. Capt. Franklin, better known at the ancient Capital as the "British Lion," has received the appointment of Civil Commissioner at the Seychelle Islands, with a salary of £800 a year, and will sail shortly. Capt. Cooper, Harbour-Master, has tendered his resignation to the Government and gets eighteen months pay. On dit that he has become mine host of the "Bee-Hive." Mr. Thomas leaving for England, where a considerable sum of money has been left him.

The people up there especially will be pleased to learn that the purchase of the wreck of the ship "Delaware" by Messrs. Moody & Co. is likely to turn out well. They floated her off and took her into Esquimalt to-day, and will have her towed over to their mills and fitted up. They are thought to have cleared about \$10,000, by the transaction.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

## FRIDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The House went into Committee of Supply. After disposing of the remaining items in the Estimates, the report was adopted by the House, including a large number of resolutions, amongst which were the following, moved by the hon. J. Robson:—"That an appropriation of \$200 be made for conveyance of mails between New Westminster and Burrard Inlet, and that a Post Office be established at the latter place"; "That this Committee, recognizing the importance of uninterrupted communication by land between the seaboard and the interior, recommends the immediate survey of a trunk road between New Westminster and Yale; the same to be laid off into small sections of, say, one mile each, and that land scrip be issued for the payment of three-fourths of the work, the remaining fourth to be paid for in money"; "That this Committee is of opinion that it is of the utmost importance that the road between New Westminster and Brighton be kept in a state of thorough repair, and that His Excellency the Governor be recommended to make the necessary appropriation for the same"; "That His Excellency the Governor be recommended to increase the item in the Estimates for a Revenue Officer at Burrard Inlet from \$900 to \$1200, and that such officer also act as Constable." The hon. Mr. Holbrook also moved for an increase in the subsidy paid to the Enterprise for carrying the mails between Victoria and New Westminster; also for a subsidy to the upriver steamers.

The Council next took up the hon. Mr. Drake's motion respecting the Supreme Courts. [The hon. mover asked to have the House cleared of strangers, and it was cleared accordingly.] After a speech from the hon. Mr. Drake, and one from the hon. Mr. Walkem, the debate was adjourned.

## MONDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The hon. Mr. Helmcken handed in a protest in connection with his defeat on the Crown Salaries. It was signed by all those voting with him, excepting the hon. Mr. Ring.

The hon. Mr. Alston obtained leave to introduce a School Bill. It was read a first time and ordered to be printed.

The hon. Dr. Helmcken moved his resolution to alter the constitution of the Executive and Legislative Councils which was considered in Committee of the Whole. After a lengthy debate the resolution was lost. The chief opposition to the resolution was that inasmuch as the Council had no power to alter its own constitution; it would be discourteous and unwise to take any action in the face of the promise made in the Governor's opening speech.

The hon. Attorney General moved the second reading of the Health Bill, which was read a second time accordingly.

## TUESDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The Mining Bill was read a second time, several speakers complimenting the Government upon the liberal character of the measure.

The hon. Mr. Robson moved an address to the Governor, recommending the immediate establishment at San Francisco of an Emigration and Intelligence Office. This resolution was carried unanimously, everyone who spoke admitting the importance of the step.

Hon. Mr. Ring moved the second reading of the Crown Costs Bill. Read a second time accordingly.

The House went into Committee of the Whole upon the Fence Bill. The measure was reported complete, with slight amendments.

The Petition of R. Homfray was taken up. The hon. Mr. Drake moved that the prayer of the Petition be granted. The hon. Mr. Robson moved, in amendment, that it be referred to a Select Committee. The amendment was carried, and hon. Mr. Robson, Wood and Trutch appointed such Committee.

## WEDNESDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole upon the Mining Bill, and was occupied the whole sitting with the first five clauses of the same. The chief point of difference was as to whether coal should be eliminated

from the bill.

## THURSDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The Council resumed consideration of the Mining Bill in Committee of the Whole, which occupied the entire sitting. Several clauses were amended, and the Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

A message was received from the Governor, transmitting the Supplies Bill. The Bill was read a first time and committed for Monday.

## CANADIAN MAIL SUMMARY.

Our Canadian files are to the 30th ult. The Nova Scotia difficulty still largely occupies public attention; although the opinion that "Repeal" is a "dead Indian," appears to be gaining ground rapidly. Mr. Howe is stated to have said, in effect, at a public meeting recently that he had "accepted the situation—because he could not help himself"; and also that he had not accepted a situation, although he had the offer of two—one being a seat in the Cabinet. The Toronto *Globe* and the Ottawa *Citizen* are indignant at the extravagance displayed in the construction of the Leat. Governor's residence. The house now in course of erection is said to be too grand—altogether out of proportion to the salary of the officer who is to inhabit it. The *Citizen* hints that it has discovered why the economical Premier of Ontario is so lavish in this matter; it says:—"We remember a story of a joiner who was preparing a bench to be occupied by the magistrates, and being observed to take great pains to make it fine and comfortable, was asked his reason, when he replied 'he expected to sit upon it himself some day.' Who knows whether a similar idea may not have crossed the mind of somebody when providing such a gorgeous residence for the Local Governor of Ontario. A destructive fire occurred in London, Ontario, on the 29th ult. Property to the amount of \$40,000 was destroyed. The loss was partly covered by insurance. At 6:30 a.m. on the 29th, as the night mail train on the Great Western Railway was nearing Eastwood Station, the sleeping car went off the track, broke from the coupling and rolled down an embankment 30 feet in height. The car contained 21 persons, none of whom were fatally, and only two seriously injured. About a dozen persons, altogether received bruises.

Fernelius calls disease an affection of the body, contrary to nature; a perturbation of its habit; a derangement of its course. What disease is, sometimes eludes human intelligence, but some diseases are known—their origin, action and even their antidotes. Whoever has discovered an actual remedy for one disease, has done something for his race. Doct. Ayer has done more, for his medicines afford us the means to control and cure several dangerous disorders. We rarely speak on medical subjects, preferring to leave them to physicians; who understand them better. But such effects as are seen in our midst on affections of the lungs by Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, on scrofulous complaints by his Sarsaparilla, and on the several complaints that they cure by Ayer's Pills, would not be ignored.—*Keokuk, Iowa Journal.*

**FIRE AT HOPE.**—We learn that a fire broke out, about midnight last Friday, in Fort Hope, completely destroying G. Landvoigt's store, a saloon and some cabins. G. Landvoigt's stock of goods, as well as the telegraph instruments and office appliances, were entirely consumed. The first intimation the sleeping inhabitants had of the fire was the explosion of some liquors in the saloon, where the fire is supposed to have originated. We understand Mr. Landvoigt's loss is partly covered by insurance.

A NEW YORK PAPER, after noticing the fact of George Francis Train's release from a "British Bastille," and concluding with the "Martyr" on the human manner in which his "cuticle" has been lacerated by the "hairy caudal of the Island Beast," adds, "we feel assured that the American nation contemplate the spectacle of his return with a deep regret that, for George's sake, the British Lion had not nine tails instead of one."

While the chaingang was engaged in getting out cord-wood, on Thursday, one of the convicts, named Burke, managed to elude the vigilance of the officers in charge, and plunging into the thick brush, disappeared. He is still at large.

**ECCELESIASTICAL.**—The Rev. Wm. Aitken arrived from Victoria, on Friday evening, and will preach in St. Andrew's Church to-morrow, morning and evening.

**FROM VICTORIA.**—The str. Enterprise, Capt. Swanson, arrived from Victoria last evening, with freight and passengers.

The Enterprise will wait here for the arrival of the Cariboo Express. She will probably sail on Monday morning.

DURING the past few days, the weather has been very pleasant—bright warm days, and clear, but not cold, nights.

A CANOE, with a few passengers and a local express, arrived from Yale on Thursday. There is no news of importance.

We understand the Brighton Road is shortly to be put in a condition of thorough repair.

## TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

European dates to 27th. The Spanish Government is said to be seriously considering the subject of abolishing slavery in all Spanish colonies. A transport was about to sail with more reinforcements for Cuba. A meeting of influential citizens in Dublin adopted resolutions urging the Government to pardon the Fenian convicts.

Eastern States news is of the same date. Gen. Grant is said to be strongly opposed to the pending Alabama claims treaty. A Washington despatch intimates that Reverly Johnson will be recalled, and the entire question re-opened under the new administration. There have been over a hundred deaths from smallpox, in New York, during the last five weeks.

## BIRTHS.

In this city, on the 28th inst., the wife of H. V. Edmonds, Esq., of a son.

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